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FOLLOWING SENT ACTION SECSTATE INFO ALGIERS MOSCOW RABAT
FROM PARIS APR 27

QUOTE

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E. O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: FRENCH MILITARY ASSISTANCE TO MOROCCO

DURING COURSE OF GENERAL TOUR D' HORIZON WITH VISITING RABAT
DCM PARKER, QUAI DEPUTY DIRECTOR NORTH AFRICAN AFFAIRS
DE WARREN COMMENTED ON CURRENT STATE OF FRENCH MILITARY
SUPPLY TO MOROCCO . ACCORDING TO DE WARREN, MOROCCANS HAVE
SHOWN NO PARTICULAR INTEREST IN INCREASING THEIR DEFENSE
PROCUREMENT FROM FRANCE AND PAST CREDITS HAVE NOT BEEN FULLY
UTILIZED. DE WARREN ACKNOWLEDGED THAT MOROCCANS HAD PURCHASED
SOME TRUCKS AND HAD BEEN INTERESTED IN NAVAL PATROL BOATS.
FRENCH HAD HELD BACK ON PATROL BOATS, AT LEAST IN PART, BECAUSE
OF UNRESOLVED DISPUTES WITH MOROCCANS OVER FISHING RIGHTS.
WITH SARDINE AGREEMENT ALREADY SIGNED AND LOBSTER AGREEMENT
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NEARLY REACHED, DE WARREN SAID THE WAY MIGHT BE OPEN FOR

FRENCH TO RECONSIDER SALE OF PATROL CRAFT IF MOROCCANS STILL
INTERESTED. DE WARREN SPECULATED THAT ONE REASON MOROCCAN
MILITARY HAD NOT COME TO FRENCH RECENTLY WAS WHAT HE
DESCRIBED AS COMPLETE CONFUSION (PLEIN BOULEVERSEMENT) WITHIN
MOROCCAN ARMED FORCES. GDS. IRWIN
UNQUOTE ROGERS

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